

C. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Status of Claims

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), the status of the claims are as follows:

Claims 1-21 are pending in the Reissue application.

Claims 1-8 are original claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,320,932.

Claims 9-21 are newly added.

No new matter is added by these amendments, and support for the added new claims can be found throughout the specification, as explained in section C-2 below.

2. Explanation of Support in Disclosure for Amendments

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), the explanation of support in the disclosure for the amendment is as follows:

Claims 9-21 have been added so as to not unduly limit the scope of the claims. Support for these new claims can be found at least in the following portions of the original specification of U.S. Pat. No. 6,320,932: Col. 2, lines 17-21; Col. 3, line 20- Col. 5, line 9; Col. 2 line 60 - Col. 6 line 14; and Fig.s 5 and 6, and corresponding description in Col. 7, line 21 to Col. 8 line 25.

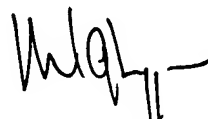
A more detailed explanation of the support in the original specification of U.S. Pat. No. 6,320,932 is provided in a claim chart, enclosed herewith.

D. CONCLUSION

Patentee submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding issues to be resolved with respect to the above-identified application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that such issues may be resolved.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1133, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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